

ISTEP+ Mathematics Calculator Policy: Grades 3-8 and 10

Grades 3-5

In grades 3-5, calculators are not allowed on ISTEP+. However, a student with an IEP or Section 504 Plan that allows the use of a calculator as an accommodation may use the online calculator or a handheld four-function calculator on ISTEP+.

Grades 6-8

In grades 6-8, calculators are allowed on the ISTEP+ Part 1 Assessment and the ISTEP+ Part 2 Assessment (Section 3 only). For online test sessions that allow calculator use, **general education students must use the online calculator only**; handheld calculators are not allowed. Students testing paper-and-pencil may use a handheld calculator as long as the functionality does not exceed that of a scientific calculator.

Grade 10

In grade 10, calculators are allowed on the ISTEP+ Part 1 Assessment and the ISTEP+ Part 2 Assessment (Sections 2 & 3 only). For online test sessions that allow calculator use, **general education students must use the online calculator only**; handheld calculators are not allowed. Students testing paper-and-pencil may use a handheld calculator as long as the functionality:

- 1) does not exceed that of a graphing calculator; and
- 2) does not meet or exceed the following criteria:
 - Calculators with QWERTY keypads
 - Calculators with a computer algebra system or dynamic algebra system
 - Calculators with infrared communication functionality
 - Calculators with paper tapes
 - Calculators that require an electrical outlet
 - Calculators that make noise or “talk” (Restriction does not apply to students with visual impairments.)

Grades 6-8 and 10: Students with Accommodations

In addition, a student with an IEP or Section 504 Plan that allows the use of a calculator as an accommodation may also use a calculator (either online or handheld) during sections identified as “non-calculator.”

Additional Guidance

- Pocket organizers, handheld computers, laptop computers, electronic writing pads, cellular phones, and digital music players are prohibited for use as a calculator on any part of the ISTEP+ assessment.
- The memory, stored programs, and applications in each personal calculator should be cleared before and after testing. Students should be told prior to the test day to store all software and data they wish to save on a computer or calculator not being used for the test.
- For more information about calculator accommodations, please see Appendix E: *Accessibility and Accommodations Guidance* located within the 2017-18 Indiana Assessment Program Manual (<http://www.doe.in.gov/assessment>).

IMPORTANT NOTE: Sharing of calculators during a test session is prohibited.